

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Maxine Calloway, Community Planning & Development Director

Date: February 12, 2013

Subject: Conditional Use Permit Requesting 138 Bonus Units From NRO Pool & Bonus Height

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, TRANSFERRING ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT (138) BONUS UNITS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (NRO) DISTRICT PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL POOL OF TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (2,200) FLOATING RESIDENTIAL UNITS, AND FURTHER APPROVING A BONUS HEIGHT OF THIRTY FIVE (35') FEET FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTHEAST 135TH STREET AND NORTHEAST 6TH AVENUE, SITUATED WITHIN THE NRO DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4-405 OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI CODE OF ORDINANCES, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approves the proposed Resolution and Conditional Use Permit requesting a transfer of one hundred and thirty eight (138) bonus units from the neighborhood redevelopment overlay (NRO) district primary residential pool of two thousand two hundred (2,200) floating residential units, and further approve a bonus height of thirty five (35') feet for the proposed development, located on the northwest quadrant of NE 135 Street and NE 6th Avenue.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At its meeting on January 17th, 2013 the Planning Commission (attended by Commissioners, Each, Castor, Ernst, Siefried, Prevatel and Harwitz) reviewed and discussed the proposed resolution and conditional use permit request. Staff pointed out that the current request for bonus units from the pool was the first since the creating of the NRO Boundary by City Council in 2007. As such many Board members were cautious about applying additional units to the subject site and expressed concerns about potential impacts to the adjacent neighborhood west of the subject site. Despite the apprehension with regard to applying units from the NRO Pool in order to maximize the density on the site, the majority of the Commission supported the idea of redeveloping the site, several concerns were shared regarding the need to apply adequate transition standards at the site plan level to buffer the proposed high density development from the surrounding low density R-2 neighborhood. The majority of the Board members were optimistic that the proposed rezoning would help to advance the development of the vacant site and possibly spur redevelopment in other blighted areas along NE 6th avenue City. As such, the Planning Commission rendered a vote of 4-2 recommending approval of the proposed resolution. The two (2) dissenting votes were cast by Commissioners Harwitz and Prevatel.

PURPOSE & INTENT

Policy 1.12.1 of the Comprehensive Plan established a primary pool of five thousand (5,000) floating residential units to encourage redevelopment in designated areas within the City. As such, the primary pool consists of two thousand two hundred (2,200) floating residential units that have been set aside for use within the Neighborhood Redevelopment Overlay ("NRO") District ("Primary Pool"); one thousand eight hundred (1,800) floating residential

units for the Central City District; and a secondary pool of one thousand (1,000) floating residential units for development outside the NRO District. To that end, Section 4-405 of the LDRs, further provides a height bonus of an additional forty feet (40') for future developments within the NRO subject to the requirements of Section 4-405 of the City's LDR.

The Subject Site



Additionally, Article 4, Section 4-204 of the City's land Development Regulations ("LDRs"), provides that requests for residential density bonuses may be granted through a Conditional Use Permit approved by the City Council, in accordance with Section 3-401 and Section 4-405 of the LDRs.

BACKGROUND

The subject site is comprised of eight (8) contiguous and abutting lots, consisting of approximately 91,476 square feet (or 2.1 acres) in size. The site is predominantly vacant, situated along two major corridors (NE 6th Avenue and NE 135 Street) and is partially located inside the city's NRO. Per Objective 1.12 of the Comprehensive Plan, the NRO is designated as an urban core *"to direct growth in a manner to achieve redevelopment, economic development, housing choice and multimodal transportation objectives..."*.

The applicant has simultaneously applied for a rezoning and land use plan amendment to include an expansion of the NRO boundary, which if approved, would result in the entire site being located within the NRO District with an R-6 zoning and land use designation of High Density Residential. As such the R-6 zoning would permit a density of twenty five (25) dwelling units per acre, with a maximum height of one hundred ten feet (110'), allowing up to fifty three (53) residential units as of right, for development on the subject property. It should be noted that with the subject site consisting of 2.12 acres in size and fronting on two streets, the proposed development qualifies for the maximum density bonus of 90 dwelling units per acre, which could potentially yield a total of one hundred ninety one (191) residential units on the site.

The Applicant filed a Conditional Use Permit application with the City Community Planning & Development Department, requesting that the City allocate one hundred and thirty eight (138) additional bonus residential units

from the existing Primary Pool of available units in order to construct one hundred ninety one (191) multifamily units on the subject property. Furthermore the applicant is requesting a bonus height of thirty five (35') feet for the proposed development. The applicant proposes to partner with the Carfour Supportive Housing to construct a mixed use complex to include residential, community use and retail/office use. Based on the information provided, the residential portion is intended for elderly veterans, affordable/workforce housing and the other complimentary uses will serve the residents as well as the surrounding community.

ANALYSIS

Article 3, Section 3-405 of the City's Land Development Regulations requires that all requests for Conditional Use approval demonstrate compliance with the following standards:

1. The application is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan;

The proposed conditional use request is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Objective 1.12 and Policy 1.12.1 that promotes redevelopment efforts within the NRO by allowing the transfer of units from the City's designated pool of bonus units to areas such as the subject site.

2. The application is in compliance with the district regulations applicable to the proposed development, including the bonus provisions in section 4-405, if applicable;

The proposed conditional use application is in compliance with the NRO District regulations in that at 2.1 acres, the proposed development qualifies for the maximum density bonus of 90 dwelling units per acre, which could potentially yield a total of one hundred ninety one (191) residential units on the site. Additionally an affordable housing need assessment dated 1/15/2013 has been completed in relation to the proposed development which validates the need for quality affordable housing within the City. The report further adds that "This impact is felt not only in the traditional very low, low and moderate HUD category but is equally as strong within the "workforce" housing segment (80-140% MFI). The private sector cannot develop residential product for the 60% or less AMI household without assistance and housing subsidies. Furthermore the private sector is also finding it difficult to fund housing product for moderate to workforce housing (80%-120% AMI) due to tight bank lending policies and also require public sector incentives and subsidies." The affordable housing need is evident from the City's current waiting list of over 250 requests from residents seeking multi-family rental units.

3. The application is consistent with the applicable development standards in these LDRs;

Based on the information provided staff believes the proposed development is in compliance with the development standards outlined in the LDR.

4. The site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways adequate in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and kind of traffic generated by the proposed use or adequate mitigation is provided;

The subject site is located at NE 6th Avenue and NE 135 Street, both classified as State owned (FDOT) arterial roads. The City's Transportation Master Plan indicates that one of the roadway segments that provide access to the property (NE 135 Street) is operating at a level of service (LOS) F. It should be noted that Policy 2A 1.1 of the City's

Comprehensive Plan requires that all roadways in the City shall operate at or above LOS standard E. Additionally the city of North Miami is designated as a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area and Objective 2A.2 and Policy 2A.2.7 of the City Comprehensive Plan requires that the City actively pursue multimodal strategies to encourage a more pedestrian oriented environment that promotes walking, bicycling and public transit usage. With an anticipated increase in traffic generated from the site staff believes that the proposed rezoning would cause further decline in the roadway LOS which is already below the minimum requirement. Staff is therefore requiring the applicant to propose multi modal transportation alternatives such as bicycle parking, public transportation and carpooling to alleviate the added traffic anticipated from the site and potentially reduce the LOS to an acceptable level.

5. The proposed use is compatible with the nature, condition and development of adjacent uses, buildings and structures and will not adversely affect the adjacent uses, buildings or structures.

Staff believes the proposed mixed use development will greatly complement the surrounding neighborhood as it offers a mixture of residential, retail and community facilities in an area lacking in new residential facilities for low to moderate income families, namely the elderly who often have difficulties finding quality affordable housing within the City. Additionally per Section 4-405 of the LDR the site is subject to certain development restrictions governing the building, scale, setback and parking to ensure a compatible transition between the low density single family neighborhoods west of the subject site.

6. The parcel proposed for development is adequate in size and shape to accommodate all development features;

At 2.12 acres and situated on two major corridors, staff believes the subject parcel is suitable in size and shape to accommodate the proposed mixed use development.

7. The proposed use will not have an adverse impact on use, livability, value and development of adjacent properties;

The proposed development will make way for the first major redevelopment project to occur along the NE 6th Avenue corridor in many years. As proposed it is anticipated to greatly improve the image of the corridor which has a large stock of mainly older dilapidated apartment buildings. As such efforts to improve the site are anticipated to have a positive impact on neighboring properties and enhance the aesthetics of the area.

8. The nature of the proposed development is not detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare of the community;

As proposed the future development will provide new multifamily units and a mix of retail and community facilities that will generate new jobs in the city. Staff believes the proposed development satisfies the intent of the City's land use vision as defined in Goal 1 of the Comprehensive Plan which requires that the City "Encourage redevelopment in order to enhance the economic base of the City, improve the aesthetic quality of the built environment and provide a range of housing and employment opportunities to accommodate, serve and employ the projected population, while protecting established single family neighborhoods. As such the proposed request is not anticipated to adversely impact the public health, safety and general welfare of the community.

9. The design of the use creates a form and function which enhances the community character of the immediate vicinity of the parcel proposed for development; and

Per Section 5-805 of the City's LDR all new construction is required to incorporate LEED standards or an alternate City approved green standards as part of its new development in order to support the City's environmental initiatives. The applicant proposes to construct a LEED Silver or similar designation building with energy saving fixtures to sustainably reduce the water and energy consumption of the future development.

10. Flexibility in regard to development standards is justified by the benefits to community character and the immediate vicinity of the parcel proposed for development.

The applicant has expressed a desire for bonus units and increased building height in order to create a viable project that maximizes the use of the site and is also financially feasible. Staff believes the flexibility in standards is necessary for the successful development of the site.

CONCLUSION

Based on our analysis, staff is of the opinion that the proposed conditional use application is consistent with the requirements of Section 3-405 of the City's Land Development regulations and is compatible with the future land use goals objectives and policies identified in the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. Therefore the Community Planning and Development Department request that the City Council recommend approval of the attached resolution, approving a transfer of one hundred and thirty eight (138) bonus units from the neighborhood redevelopment overlay (NRO) district primary residential pool of two thousand two hundred (2,200) floating residential units, and further approve a bonus height of thirty five (35') feet for the proposed development.

1. The applicant shall consolidate all 8 lots as well as any abandoned alleyways in the proposed development through a waiver of plat and submit said waiver and supporting application to the office of Community Planning and Development for Council approval prior to final recordation. The applicant will also furnish a copy of the recorded waiver of plat to the Director of Community Planning & Development once it has been recorded with the County.
2. The applicant is required to obtain site plan review and approval for the proposed new development prior to obtaining final building permits. As such the applicant shall contact the City's Zoning Administrator in order to obtain submittal instructions and subsequently file a site plan application.
3. Submit a draft declaration of restrictive covenant to include the restrictions outlined above, to the office of the City Attorney at least 30 days from final Council approval date for review prior to final recordation. The applicant will also furnish a copy of the recorded document to the Director of Community Planning & Development once the instrument has been recorded with the County.
4. Applicant shall comply with all conditions listed in Exhibit 1, of the approved Conditional Use Permit.

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- Attachments:
1. Proposed Resolution
 2. Conditional Use Permit (Exhibit 1)
 3. Location Map & Survey
 4. Letter of intent
 5. Housing Assessment Report dated 1/15/2013

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, TRANSFERRING ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT (138) BONUS UNITS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (NRO) DISTRICT PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL POOL OF TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (2,200) FLOATING RESIDENTIAL UNITS; AND FURTHER APPROVING A BONUS HEIGHT OF THIRTY-FIVE (35') FEET FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTHEAST 135TH STREET AND NORTHEAST 6TH AVENUE, SITUATED WITHIN THE NRO DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4-405 OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI CODE OF ORDINANCES, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2007, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami ("City"), adopted the City's Comprehensive Plan ("Comprehensive Plan"), consistent with the requirements of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Policy 1.12.1 of the Comprehensive Plan established a pool of five thousand (5,000) floating residential units for development, as follows: two thousand two hundred (2,200) floating residential units for use within the Neighborhood Redevelopment Overlay ("NRO") District ("Primary Pool"); one thousand eight hundred (1,800) floating residential units for the Central City District; and a secondary pool of one thousand (1,000) floating residential units for development outside the NRO District; and

WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 4-204 of the City Land Development Regulations ("LDRs"), provides that requests for residential density bonuses may be granted through a Conditional Use Permit approved by the Mayor and City Council, in accordance with Section 3-401 and Section 4-405 of the LDRs; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-405 of the LDRs, further provides a height bonus of an additional thirty-five feet (35') to a proposed development, subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, Conestoga Holdings, LLC (“Applicant”), is the owner of a 2.12 acre site containing eight (8) contiguous and abutting lots, generally located on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Northeast 135th Street and Northeast 6th Avenue, as specifically identified by Miami-Dade County tax folio numbers: 06-2219-004-0030, 06-2219-004-0110, 06-2219-004-0120, 06-2219-004-0130, 06-2219-004-0140, 06-2219-004-0150, 06-2219-004-0010, and 06-2219-004-0020 (“Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is located within the NRO District and has an R-6 zoning designation, permitting a density of twenty-five (25) dwelling units per acre, with a maximum height of one hundred ten feet (110’), allowing for up to fifty-three (53) residential units as of right, for development on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, at 2.12 acres in size and fronting on two (2) streets, the Subject Property qualifies for the maximum density bonus of ninety (90) dwelling units per acre, which could yield a total of one hundred ninety-one (191) residential units on the site; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant filed a Conditional Use Permit application with the City’s Community Planning & Development Department, requesting that the City allocate one hundred thirty-eight (138) additional bonus residential units from the existing Primary Pool of available units in order to construct a total of one hundred ninety-one (191) multifamily units on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the approval and transfer of one hundred thirty-eight (138) units from the Primary Pool will reduce the pool of unassigned units from two thousand two hundred (2,200) residential units, to two thousand sixty-two (2062) residential units; and

WHEREAS, the City administration has reviewed the proposed request and found that it is consistent with Policy 1.12.1 of the Comprehensive Plan and satisfies the requirements of Section 4-405 of the LDRs; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after a duly noticed public hearing held on January 17, 2013, reviewed the proposed request and found it in harmony with the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, and recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit to the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami have determined that the proposed request is in the best interest of the City and does not adversely affect the

health, safety, and welfare of residents and thereby, approve the Conditional Use Permit allocating the requested number of units from the Primary Pool, in conjunction with the height bonus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Approval of Conditional Use Permit.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby, approve the Conditional Use Permit, in substantially the attached form, transferring one hundred thirty-eight (138) bonus units from the Neighborhood Redevelopment Overlay District primary residential pool of two thousand two hundred (2,200) floating residential units, and further approve a bonus height of thirty-five (35') feet for a proposed development generally located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Northeast 135th Street and Northeast 6th Avenue, situated within the NRO District, in accordance with Article 4, Section 4-405 of the City of North Miami Code of Ordinances, Land Development Regulations.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of February, 2013.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)

EXHIBIT I

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CONESTOGA HOLDINGS, LLC

WHEREAS, Conestoga Holdings, LLC owns the real property more particularly described in attached Exhibit "A", Survey Drawing of Property (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is zoned R-6 and is 2.12 acres in size

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 4-405 of the City's LDR the applicant requests that in addition to the 53 permitted as of right units, the City grant Conditional Use Approval, for allocation of 138 additional bonus units as well as a bonus height of 35 feet, from the established primary pool of floating units to create 191 multifamily units on site with a maximum height of 145 feet; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the proposed application and finds that it complies with the requirements of Section 3-405 of the LDR; and

WHEREAS, on January 17th, 2013 the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the City Council grant Conditional Use Approval for the transfer of **138 bonus units** from Neighborhood Redevelopment Overlay (NRO) primary residential pool of two thousand two hundred (2200) units ; and

WHEREAS, said transfer of **138** units from the "NRO primary residential pool of two thousand two hundred (2200) units would reduce the primary pool of units to Two Thousand and Sixty Two (**2062**) units; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2013, the City Council reviewed the request and determined that it is consistent with the intent of the City's Comprehensive Plan, allows for redevelopment of a currently vacant site and will further advance the public health, safety and welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council approves this Conditional Use Permit along with the following findings and conditions:

1. That this approval is subject to the formal adoption and approval of the associated Rezoning and Future Land Use Plan Amendments.
2. That the applicant submits final precise plans and applicable landscape plans to the City's Community Planning & Development Department, Development Review Committee (DRC) for review and approval prior to obtaining building permits.
3. That the applicant shall file an application for a waiver of plat with the Community Planning & Development Department to unify the eight (8) lots and the vacated and abandoned alleyways into one consolidated parcel.
4. That the applicant shall provide registration receipt from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) showing intent to achieve LEED Silver designation prior to Council consideration.
5. That the applicant shall provide a copy of LEED Silver Certification from the USGBC to validate the proposed "green" elements of the development prior to obtaining final Certificate of Occupancy.
6. That the applicant shall record a Restrictive Covenant against the property for the purpose of

maintaining the affordable/workforce housing for a term not less than twenty (20) years. The applicant shall also give first preference to North Miami residents by selecting clients from the City's Housing Division's current Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Rental Waiting list. No less than 25% of the units (or a total of 48 units) must be set aside for workforce housing.

7. Comply with all other City/County regulations as it relates to zoning, parking, landscaping, school concurrency and utilities.
8. **Density bonuses** – the applicant shall be granted additional bonus density through conditional use based on the project incorporating all the following elements:

Mandatory Elements	Density Bonus Earned
Green & Sustainable:	
Designed to meet LEED silver rating –	18 du/acre
Transit Oriented Development:	
4 of 8 selected	
Improved pedestrian way with wayfinding signage	
Sheltered Bus Stop within ¼ mile of the development	
Provision of bike racks	
Connection to planned bike trail on NE135 Street	
Total for 4 of 8	2 du/acre
Optional Elements – Mixed Use & Open Space:	
Project Open Space –	5 du/acre
Structured Parking (Pedestal) -	10 du/acre
Underground Utilities -	5 du/acre
Public Art - 2.5 du/acre	2.5 du/acre
Design Excellence - 5 du/acre	5 du/acre
Major Corridor	25 du/acre
Affordable/Workforce Housing 25% set aside	20 du/acre
Total Overall Bonus Units Earned	92.5
Note: Maximum Density Bonus Allowed is 90 du/acre	

9. Height bonus – the applicant shall be granted additional height bonus through conditional use based on the project incorporating all the following elements

Density	Designed to Achieve LEED Silver
Height Bonus with > 25 du/ac density bonus	35 eet

10. A building permit shall be filed within one year of the date of the conditional use approval or the approval shall be null and void.
11. **NRO POOL INVENTORY;: The Director of Community Planning and Development shall track the number of dwelling units approved through use of the density pool:**

Total Units in Primary Pool	Units Disbursed	Remaining units
2200	138	2062

JOHN C. DELLAGLORIA, P.A.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN NY AND FL

December 12th, 2012

Ms. Maxine Calloway
Director, Community
Planning and Development
City of North Miami, Fl. 33161

RE: N.E. 135th St and N.E. 6th Ave.

Dear Ms. Calloway,

This letter accompanies the application regarding the property at N.E. 135th St. and N.E. 6th Ave. As you know, we have held several conversations regarding the mixed-use development of the property. One possible developer is Carrfour Supportive Housing, Inc., which has been part of the discussions with the City.

Based on our conversations, the application addresses four matters:

1. A re-zoning of all the lots comprising the property to a designation of R-6.
2. Necessary amendments to the Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan.
3. Alleyway vacation.
4. Conditional Use for approximately 200 residential units.

As the property is comprised of 8 lots, there is attached to the application: (i) the 6 real estate tax bills showing the legal descriptions and the folio numbers of the property currently owned by the applicant. (ii) as we have also discussed, there are two additional lots that will be added in the event that we exercise the options for their acquisition and inclusion in this application. Attached are copies of the first pages of the option purchase and sale contracts, showing the addresses and folio numbers. The mailing labels are inclusive of all 8 properties.

JOHN C. DELLAGLORIA, P.A.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN NY AND FL

It is anticipated that Carrfour will have the one or more of the following types of low income residential tenants:

- (1) Elderly Independent Living
- (2) Formally Homeless
- (3) Military Veterans

Priority will be given to residents of the City. Background checks and drug tests will be part of the tenant application process.


As for potential commercial/office uses, the following are being considered:

- (1) Community Service Space, consisting of: a library; a computer lab; meeting rooms; a gymnasium, and administrative offices
- (2) Grocery store; pharmacy; day care; medical facility; job training center or a farmer's market.

At this time, we are requesting that this application be heard at the January 10th meeting of the Planning Board. The application package includes the required copies of a map of the property, mailing labels and plat.

We are appreciative of the cooperation shown to us by you and your staff, and we are always available for meetings and to provide any additional information you need.

Sincerely,


John C. Dellagloria

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North Miami Affordable/Workforce Housing Needs Assessment



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INTRODUCTION

Strategic Planning Group, Inc. was retained by the City of North Miami and Conestoga Holdings to prepare an Affordable/Workforce Housing Assessment for Conestoga Holdings proposed 191 residential rental units/mixed use development to be located at the intersection of NE 6th Avenue and NE 135th Street, North Miami.

The purpose of this report/analysis is to determine if the City has a need for affordable/workforce housing and whether according to Section 4-405 (D) (8) of the City's Land Development Code, the proposed project is eligible for density bonuses.

GENERAL LIMITING CONDITIONS

Strategic Planning Group, Inc. does not warrant this report for use other than by Conestoga Holdings and the North Miami Planning Department and assumes no responsibility for secondary use of this study or information contained here within by third parties.

Although data, assumptions, and other information used in this study and analysis is believed to be factual, evaluations and projections are subject to a number of variables and unforeseen factors such as major economic changes or shifts in local, regional, national or global economies.

Accordingly, while the forecasts and projections have been prepared in accordance with acceptable techniques consistent with available information, Strategic Planning Group, Inc. cannot guarantee their attainment.

We wish to note however, the study and conclusions represent the best judgment of the consultant, based on information compiled and evaluated within the scope of the Agreement with the Client for this project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As currently planned, the mixed use development will be built in two phases and contain up to 191 units. Table 1 and 2 show the proposed bedroom mix as well as 3,000 sq ft of proposed retail space.

Table 1: Phase One Development

Ph I - RESIDENTIAL UNITS			
Floor	1 bd	2bd	3bd
1	-	-	-
2	3	5	-
3	3	5	-
4	3	5	-
5	6	6	-
6	2	4	4
7	2	4	4
8	2	4	4
9	2	4	4
10	2	4	4
11	2	4	4
Total	27	45	24
%	28%	47%	25%
Ph I - NON RESIDENTIAL SF			
LOBBY/ COMMON AREA			8000 SF
RETAIL			3000 SF

Table 2: Phase Two

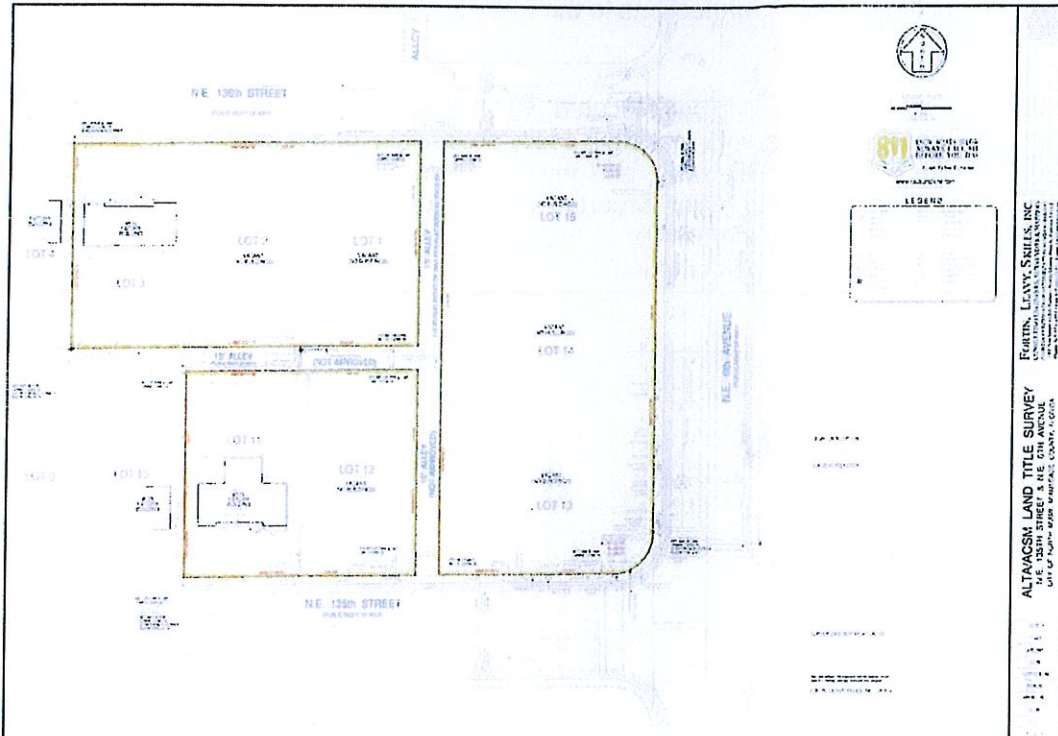
Ph II - RESIDENTIAL UNITS			
Floor	1 bd	2bd	3bd
1	-	-	-
2	2	4	2
3	2	4	2
4	2	4	2
5	2	4	2
6	4	5	3
7	4	5	3
8	4	5	3
9	4	5	3
10	4	5	3
Total	28	41	23
%	30%	45%	25%
Ph II - NON RESIDENTIAL SF			
LOBBY/ COMMON AREA			9000 SF

LOCATION

Project

The proposed development is located on the west side of NE 6th Avenue between NE 135th Street and NE 136th Street.

Figure 1: Project Survey



Source: City of North Miami Community Planning & Development Dept.

Figure 2: Project Site Location

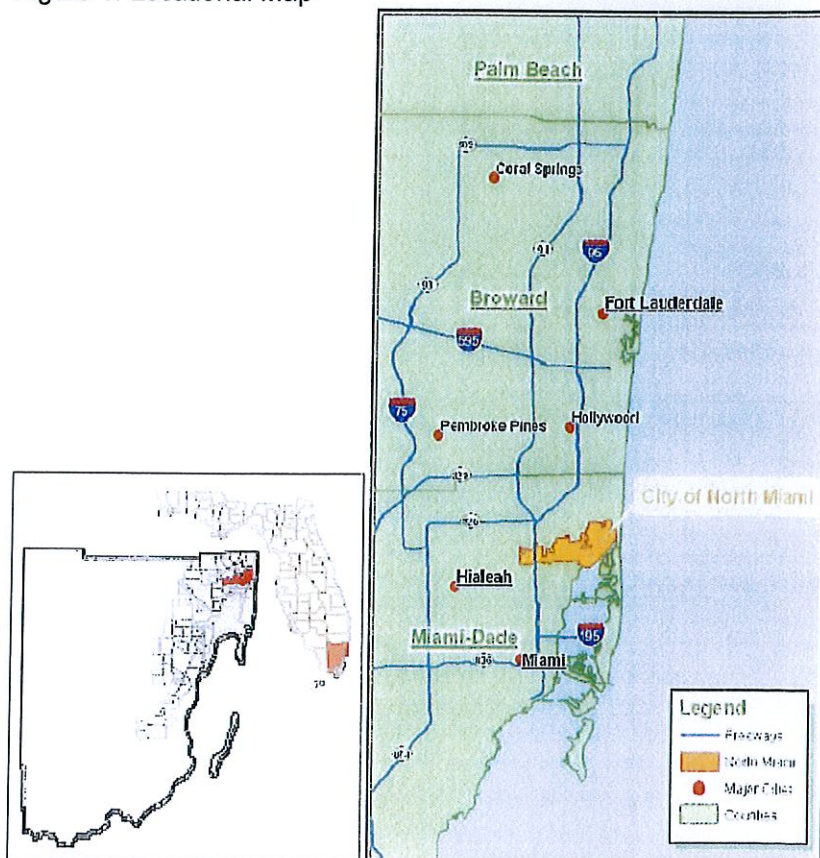
Source: Google Earth, Strategic Planning Group, Inc.

The site is well located near employment centers and public transit¹. Furthermore, NE 135th Street provides one of the few direct connections to the I-95, due to limited Biscayne Canal crossings.

Region of Influence

The City of North Miami is strategically located between Miami and Fort Lauderdale. It is served by an excellent transportation network making it easily accessible from Interstate 95, US Highway 1, the Florida Turnpike, West Dixie Highway, and the US Highway 441. North Miami is less than a 30-minute drive from Florida's two major airports - Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International and Miami International. It is also in close proximity to the Port of Miami and Port Everglades, both important gateways to major national and international markets.

Figure 1. Locational Map



Source: Strategic Planning Group, Inc.

The City form is rectangular in shape, comprising, according to the United States Census Bureau, a total area of 10.0 square miles (26 km²) of which 8.5 square miles (22 km²) of it is land and 1.5 square miles (3.9 km²) of it (15.32%) is water.

The City of North Miami is bisected north and south by Interstate 95 (the major north-south highway), and N.W. 7th Avenue on the west, and on the east by 6th Avenue, West Dixie Highway and Biscayne Boulevard. The City has limited east-west corridors with only 135th Street (SR 926) completely

¹ Based on information from the Planning Department

traversing the City. NE 125th Street (SR 922) provides access primarily from I-95 eastward where it converges with NE 123rd Street and the Broad Causeway providing direct access to the affluent beach communities. Finally, NW 119th Street (SR 924) provides access from the west to just beyond I-95 to the east.

It appears that a significant amount of traffic on the City's major arterials, i.e. NE 135th is through traffic generated from outside the City.

Figure 2. City of North Miami Boundaries/Site Location

NORTH MIAMI SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

Population

The City of North Miami is virtually built-out with only a limited amount of vacant land available for development. Census estimates place the population of the City at 58,786² in 2010, a decline of 1,094 since 2000.

Age, Ethnicity, Income

Age

The median age of the City's residents is 34.4 years which is lower than both Miami-Dade's (35.6 years) and the State of Florida (40.7 years), based on the 2010 US Decennial Census. As shown in Table 3, approximately 13% of the City's population is aged 62 or over.

² The 2011 American Community Survey estimates that City had a 2011 population 58,995 but with an error of +/- 62.

Table 3: North Miami Resident Age Distribution

AGE	Number	Percent
Total population	58,786	100.0
Under 5 years	4,052	6.9
5 to 9 years	3,720	6.3
10 to 14 years	3,774	6.4
15 to 19 years	4,655	7.9
20 to 24 years	5,281	9.0
25 to 29 years	4,485	7.6
30 to 34 years	3,900	6.6
35 to 39 years	3,919	6.7
40 to 44 years	4,048	6.9
45 to 49 years	4,150	7.1
50 to 54 years	4,312	7.3
55 to 59 years	3,811	6.5
60 to 64 years	2,744	4.7
65 to 69 years	1,956	3.3
70 to 74 years	1,447	2.5
75 to 79 years	1,061	1.8
80 to 84 years	771	1.3
85 years and over	700	1.2
Median age (years)	34.4	(X)
16 years and over	46,490	79.1
18 years and over	44,828	76.3
21 years and over	41,439	70.5
62 years and over	7,453	12.7
65 years and over	5,935	10.1

Source: US Department of Commerce 2010 Decennial Census

Ethnicity

The City of North Miami has a much diversified ethnicity. As of 2011, it is estimated that 58.6% of its residents are Black or African American, 34.2% are White, 2% Asian and 6.1% Some Other Race. Hispanics, of any race, account for 28.4% of the City's residents.

Table 4: North Miami Ethnicity - 2011

Ethnicity	Estimate	North Miami city, Florida Margin of	Percent	Percent
Race alone or in combination with one or				
Total population	58,995	+/-62	58,995	(X)
White	20,157	+/-1,476	34.2%	+/-2.5
Black or African American	34,586	+/-1,270	58.6%	+/-2.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	242	+/-193	0.4%	+/-0.3
Asian	1,241	+/-416	2.1%	+/-0.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific	0	+/-104	0.0%	+/-0.1
Some other race	3,615	+/-1,036	6.1%	+/-1.8
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE				
Total population	58,995	+/-62	58,995	(X)
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	16,726	+/-1,297	28.4%	+/-2.2
Mexican	848	+/-435	1.4%	+/-0.7
Puerto Rican	2,629	+/-674	4.5%	+/-1.1
Cuban	3,965	+/-871	6.7%	+/-1.5
Other Hispanic or Latino	9,284	+/-1,182	15.7%	+/-2.0
Not Hispanic or Latino	42,269	+/-1,295	71.6%	+/-2.2
White alone	7,558	+/-849	12.8%	+/-1.4
Black or African American alone	33,118	+/-1,282	56.1%	+/-2.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	2	+/-4	0.0%	+/-0.1
Asian alone	1,042	+/-399	1.8%	+/-0.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific	0	+/-104	0.0%	+/-0.1
Some other race alone	58	+/-56	0.1%	+/-0.1
Two or more races	491	+/-271	0.8%	+/-0.5
Two races including Some other race	32	+/-39	0.1%	+/-0.1
Two races excluding Some other	459	+/-269	0.8%	+/-0.5

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2007-2011, DP05: ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES; Strategic Planning Group, Inc.2013

Income

The City's median 2011 household income was \$37,792, increasing from \$29,778 in 2000. Approximately 1/3 of all households earn less than \$25,000.

Table 5: North Miami Household Income - 2011

INCOME (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Total households	18,120	+/-580	18,120	(X)
Less than \$10,000	1,495	+/-299	8.3%	+/-1.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,355	+/-274	7.5%	+/-1.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3,024	+/-430	16.7%	+/-2.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,521	+/-383	13.9%	+/-2.1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,877	+/-369	15.9%	+/-2.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,941	+/-420	16.2%	+/-2.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,847	+/-297	10.2%	+/-1.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,394	+/-244	7.7%	+/-1.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	394	+/-115	2.2%	+/-0.6
\$200,000 or more	272	+/-100	1.5%	+/-0.5
Median household income (dollars)	37,792	+/-1,926	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	53,569	+/-2,809	(X)	(X)

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2007-2011, DP03: SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS; Strategic Planning Group, Inc.

Employment Centers

The City's major employment centers are located along its five major arterials including Biscayne Boulevard, Dixie Highway, NE 6th Avenue, 125th Street, (which includes Downtown), NW 7th Avenue and NW 119th Street.

Service occupations make up the largest segment (30.5%) of resident employment, followed by sales and office occupations (25.6%), management business, science and arts (21.5%), production, transportation and material moving (13.9%) and natural resources and construction (8.5%).

Table 6: North Miami Resident Occupations

OCCUPATION	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Civilian employed population 16 years	27,437	+/-1,083	27,437	(X)
Management, business, science, and	5,908	+/-560	21.5%	+/-1.9
Service occupations	8,356	+/-765	30.5%	+/-2.4
Sales and office occupations	7,037	+/-783	25.6%	+/-2.7
Natural resources, construction, and	2,331	+/-449	8.5%	+/-1.6
Production, transportation, and material	3,805	+/-562	13.9%	+/-2.0
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years	27,437	+/-1,083	27,437	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting,	169	+/-166	0.6%	+/-0.6
Construction	1,838	+/-389	6.7%	+/-1.4
Manufacturing	1,309	+/-320	4.8%	+/-1.2
Wholesale trade	812	+/-264	3.0%	+/-1.0
Retail trade	3,755	+/-635	13.7%	+/-2.2
Transportation and warehousing, and	2,245	+/-451	8.2%	+/-1.7
Information	376	+/-170	1.4%	+/-0.6
Finance and insurance, and real estate	1,276	+/-277	4.7%	+/-1.0
Professional, scientific, and	3,110	+/-437	11.3%	+/-1.6
Educational services, and health care	5,629	+/-660	20.5%	+/-2.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and	4,512	+/-738	16.4%	+/-2.4
Other services, except public	1,295	+/-309	4.7%	+/-1.1
Public administration	1,111	+/-254	4.0%	+/-1.0

Source: 2009-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

The education, health care and social assistance sector represents the largest employment sector for North Miami residents (20.5%), followed by arts, entertainment and hospitality (16.4%); Professional, scientific, retail trade (13.7%) and management (11.3%).

Having reviewed the resident employment/occupation characteristics, it is important to note that only 9.7% of the City's residents actually work within the City, according to 2006-2010 ACS data which is extremely low. For comparison 55% of City of Miami residents work within the City of Miami.

A significant percentage of employee residents rely on carpooling (11.3%) and public transit (10.2%) as shown in Table 7. The mean travel time to work is 30.7 minutes.

Table 7: North Miami Resident Commuting Patterns.

COMMUTING TO WORK	Estimate	Margin of	Percent	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	26,988	+/-1,022	26,988	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	19,788	+/-917	73.3%	+/-2.5
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	3,053	+/-521	11.3%	+/-1.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	2,761	+/-456	10.2%	+/-1.6
Walked	435	+/-185	1.6%	+/-0.7
Other means	463	+/-214	1.7%	+/-0.8
Worked at home	488	+/-151	1.8%	+/-0.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.7	+/-1.0	(X)	(X)

Source: 2009-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

HOUSING OVERVIEW

Existing Housing Characteristics

Approximately 40% of the City's housing stock is 1-unit detached housing. Slightly over 42% of housing is multi-family with buildings containing 20 or more units each.

Table 8: North Miami Housing Structures

UNITS IN STRUCTURE	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Total housing units	21,585	+/-673	21,585	(X)
1-unit, detached	8,678	+/-505	40.2%	+/-2.1
1-unit, attached	865	+/-240	4.0%	+/-1.1
2 units	864	+/-221	4.0%	+/-1.0
3 or 4 units	609	+/-152	2.8%	+/-0.7
5 to 9 units	873	+/-189	4.0%	+/-0.9
10 to 19 units	582	+/-151	2.7%	+/-0.7
20 or more units	9,114	+/-577	42.2%	+/-2.0
Mobile home	0	+/-104	0.0%	+/-0.2
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-104	0.0%	+/-0.2

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Housing Tenure

According to the 2010 Census, the City had 22,110 housing units of which 19,275 or 87% were occupied. Of the occupied housing units, 51% were owner-occupied and 49% renter-occupied.

In 2010, the homeowner vacancy rate was 5.7% and the rental vacancy was 12.8%. SPG believes that part of the reason for the higher vacancy rates within the City, as compared to surrounding areas, is that some vacant units maybe functionally obsolete due to age and overall configuration (size, room layout, energy efficiency etc).

Table 9: North Miami Occupancy Status -2010

OCCUPANCY STATUS	Number	Percent
Total housing units	22,110	100.0
Occupied housing units	19,275	87.2
Vacant housing units	2,835	12.8
TENURE		
Occupied housing units	19,275	100.0
Owner occupied	9,835	51.0
Owned with a mortgage or loan	7,877	40.9
Owned free and clear	1,958	10.2
Renter occupied	9,440	49.0

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

Approximately 13% of the City's housing stock was vacant in 2010. Of the vacant units, 44% were for rent (1,256 units) while 15% were for sale (423). Approximately 11% of the vacant units were seasonal.

Table 10. North Miami Housing Vacancy Status - 2010

VACANCY STATUS	Number	Percent
Vacant housing units	2,835	100.0
For rent	1,256	44.3
Rented, not occupied	47	1.7
For sale only	423	14.9
Sold, not occupied	113	4.0
For seasonal, recreational, or	309	10.9
For migratory workers	0	0.0
Other vacant	687	24.2

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

The average size of an owner occupied housing is 3.16 persons per units while the average size of a rental units is 2.76 persons per household.

Table 11: North Miami Household Population - 2010

HOUSEHOLD POPULATION	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	19,275	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	9,835	51.0
Population in owner-occupied housing units	31,095	(X)
Average household size of owner-occupied	3.16	(X)
Renter-occupied housing units	9,440	49.0
Population in renter-occupied housing units	26,051	(X)
Average household size of renter- occupied	2.76	(X)

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

As discussed above, owner occupied units have, on average, three persons or less residing within households (63%), while slightly over 22% are one-person households. Renters, on the other hand, are more likely to be 2 or less person households (54%).

Table 12: North Miami Tenure by Household Size - 2010

TENURE BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Number	Percent
Owner-occupied housing units	9,835	100.0
1-person household	2,202	22.4
2-person household	2,418	24.6
3-person household	1,595	16.2
4-person household	1,473	15.0
5-person household	945	9.6
6-person household	532	5.4
7-or-more-person household	670	6.8
Renter-occupied housing units	9,440	100.0
1-person household	2,664	28.2
2-person household	2,385	25.3
3-person household	1,764	18.7
4-person household	1,196	12.7
5-person household	757	8.0
6-person household	319	3.4
7-or-more-person household	355	3.8

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

North Miami Household Overview

The 2010 Census estimates that 71.5% of the City's occupied housing is family households and 28.5% are nonfamily. Of the family households, 13.5% are considered elderly (householder 65 years old or older). Slightly over 9% of nonfamily households are considered elderly.

Table 8: North Miami Household Type, 2010

HOUSEHOLD TYPE	Number	Percent
Owner-occupied housing units	9,835	100.0
Family households	7,032	71.5
Householder 15 to 64 years	5,700	58.0
Householder 65 years and over	1,332	13.5
Husband-wife family	4,548	46.2
Male householder, no wife present	712	7.2
Female householder, no husband present	1,772	18.0
Nonfamily households	2,803	28.5
Householder 15 to 64 years	1,900	19.3
Householder 65 years and over	903	9.2

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

The 2010 Census estimated that 62.2% of the City's renters resided in family households. Elderly (over 65 years of age) accounted for 373 units. Nonfamily rental households accounted for 37.8% of the City's occupied units. Elderly renters accounted for 442 of the City's rental units.

Table 9: Renter Household Type - 2010

HOUSEHOLD TYPE	Number	Percent
Renter-occupied housing units	9,440	100.0
Family households	5,867	62.2
Householder 15 to 64 years	5,494	58.2
Householder 65 years and over	373	4.0
Husband-wife family	2,556	27.1
Male householder, no wife present	879	9.3
Female householder, no husband present	2,432	25.8
Nonfamily households	3,573	37.8
Householder 15 to 64 years	3,131	33.2
Householder 65 years and over	442	4.7

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

Approximately 48% of the owners of occupied housing units were 55 years of age or older in 2010 and approximately 23% were 65 years or older. Renters tend to be younger with 57% being less than 45 years of age. Approximately 9% of the renters were 65 years or older.

Table 10: Tenure by Age of Household - 2010

TENURE BY AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER	Number	Percent
Owner-occupied housing units	9,835	100.0
15 to 24 years	86	0.9
25 to 34 years	702	7.1
35 to 44 years	1,700	17.3
45 to 54 years	2,653	27.0
55 to 64 years	2,459	25.0
65 years and over	2,235	22.7
65 to 74 years	1,333	13.6
75 to 84 years	676	6.9
85 years and over	226	2.3
Renter-occupied housing units	9,440	100.0
15 to 24 years	914	9.7
25 to 34 years	2,281	24.2
35 to 44 years	2,145	22.7
45 to 54 years	2,015	21.3
55 to 64 years	1,270	13.5
65 years and over	815	8.6

Source: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

Elderly Households

Based on the Shimberg Center at the University of Florida, the City had 3,588 units headed by 65 aged head of household or older, in 2009. Of those elder units, 49% exceeded HUD's 30% affordability threshold and 28% exceeded HUD's 50% threshold.

Housing Age

The City's overall housing stock is old with only 663 units (3.1%) built since 2000. Approximately 46% of the housing stock is over 50 years old; which could make a significant amount of the City's housing stock functionally obsolete given changes in consumer housing demand.

Table 11: North Miami Age of Housing

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Total housing units	21,585	+/-673	21,585	(X)
Built 2005 or later	153	+/-99	0.7%	+/-0.5
Built 2000 to 2004	510	+/-156	2.4%	+/-0.7
Built 1990 to 1999	737	+/-236	3.4%	+/-1.1
Built 1980 to 1989	1,595	+/-302	7.4%	+/-1.4
Built 1970 to 1979	4,875	+/-509	22.6%	+/-2.2
Built 1960 to 1969	3,842	+/-418	17.8%	+/-1.8
Built 1950 to 1959	7,717	+/-497	35.8%	+/-2.2
Built 1940 to 1949	1,753	+/-344	8.1%	+/-1.6
Built 1939 or earlier	403	+/-144	1.9%	+/-0.7

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Older housing tends to be smaller and have fewer bedrooms. According to the 2010 Census, 34% of the City's housing contains one or less bedrooms while 67% contain 2 bedrooms or less.

Table 12: North Miami Bedroom County - 2011

BEDROOMS	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Total housing units	21,585	+/-673	21,585	(X)
No bedroom	708	+/-206	3.3%	+/-0.9
1 bedroom	6,701	+/-543	31.0%	+/-2.2
2 bedrooms	7,089	+/-610	32.8%	+/-2.8
3 bedrooms	5,468	+/-464	25.3%	+/-2.0
4 bedrooms	1,385	+/-262	6.4%	+/-1.2
5 or more bedrooms	234	+/-121	1.1%	+/-0.6

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Another indicator of aged housing is substandard housing. According to Census/HUD standards, approximately 186 units lack complete plumbing or kitchen facilities as well 2,205 units are overcrowded (exceed 1.01 persons per room).

Table 13: Substandard Housing -

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Occupied housing units	18,120	+/-580	18,120	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	66	+/-63	0.4%	+/-0.4
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	120	+/-85	0.7%	+/-0.5
No telephone service available	425	+/-128	2.3%	+/-0.7
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	18,120	+/-580	18,120	(X)
1.00 or less	15,915	+/-761	87.8%	+/-1.8
1.01 to 1.50	1,721	+/-272	9.5%	+/-1.7
1.51 or more	484	+/-154	2.7%	+/-0.8

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Rental Housing Costs

Approximately 77% of the City's rental housing rent for between \$750 and \$1,449 a month in 2011, according to the 2009-2011 American Community Survey. The median rent was \$975, which using HUD's 30% affordability standard indicates that a household would need to earn over \$39,000 annually to afford the median rent. This means that over 50% of the City's renters could not afford the median rent.

Table 14: Gross Rent -2011

GROSS RENT	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Occupied units paying rent	8,250	+/-534	8,250	(X)
Less than \$200	94	+/-80	1.1%	+/-1.0
\$200 to \$299	22	+/-26	0.3%	+/-0.3
\$300 to \$499	97	+/-67	1.2%	+/-0.8
\$500 to \$749	947	+/-199	11.5%	+/-2.4
\$750 to \$999	3,224	+/-337	39.1%	+/-3.7
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,088	+/-352	37.4%	+/-3.5
\$1,500 or more	778	+/-229	9.4%	+/-2.6
Median (dollars)	975	+/-29	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	237	+/-134	(X)	(X)

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

For units not already rented, only 25% of asking rents were less than \$700 month. Again using HUD's affordability threshold, a household would need to earn \$36,000 to afford a \$700 month rent

assuming utilities of only \$100 month. Over 40% of the City's existing households do not have the income to support a \$700 rent plus utilities.

Table 15: Asking Rents -2011

North Miami		
RENT ASKED	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	1,272	+/-300
Less than \$100	26	+/-41
\$100 to \$149	0	+/-104
\$150 to \$199	0	+/-104
\$200 to \$249	0	+/-104
\$250 to \$299	0	+/-104
\$300 to \$349	0	+/-104
\$350 to \$399	0	+/-104
\$400 to \$449	0	+/-104
\$450 to \$499	47	+/-40
\$500 to \$549	22	+/-34
\$550 to \$599	12	+/-19
\$600 to \$649	85	+/-90
\$650 to \$699	128	+/-102
\$700 to \$749	150	+/-88
\$750 to \$799	68	+/-70
\$800 to \$899	187	+/-117
\$900 to \$999	142	+/-91
\$1,000 to \$1,249	313	+/-165
\$1,250 to \$1,499	63	+/-73
\$1,500 to \$1,999	29	+/-46
\$2,000 or more	0	+/-104

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Affordable Housing (Costs above HUD Affordability Threshold)

Based on the American Community Survey data, 66.3% of owner-occupied units (with mortgages) have housing cost that exceeds HUD 30% ratio and 59% that exceed the 35% threshold. Even if there is no mortgage (home is owned outright), 33% of those households' have housing cost that exceed HUD affordability standards. The Shimberg Center at the University of Florida reports, as of 2009, 25% of the City's households exceed HUD's 50% threshold.

Table 16: North Miami Owner Occupied Housing Affordability, 2011

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Housing units with a mortgage	7,429	+/-509	7,429	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	1,177	+/-239	15.8%	+/-2.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	706	+/-211	9.5%	+/-2.9
25.0 to 29.9 percent	623	+/-191	8.4%	+/-2.6
30.0 to 34.9 percent	542	+/-161	7.3%	+/-2.1
35.0 percent or more	4,381	+/-485	59.0%	+/-4.6
Not computed	33	+/-40	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage	2,171	+/-311	2,171	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	627	+/-157	28.9%	+/-6.4
10.0 to 14.9 percent	382	+/-123	17.6%	+/-5.3
15.0 to 19.9 percent	281	+/-83	12.9%	+/-3.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	134	+/-73	6.2%	+/-3.3
25.0 to 29.9 percent	243	+/-104	11.2%	+/-4.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	54	+/-40	2.5%	+/-1.9
35.0 percent or more	450	+/-178	20.7%	+/-6.8
Not computed	0	+/-104	(X)	(X)

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Lack of rental affordability within the City exceeds ownership affordability. Approximately 68% of all renters exceed HUD's affordability standards with 61% exceeding the 35% threshold.

Table 17: North Miami Renter Housing Affordability, 2011

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of
Occupied units paying rent (excluding)	8,130	+/-541	8,130	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	436	+/-160	5.4%	+/-1.9
15.0 to 19.9 percent	775	+/-211	9.5%	+/-2.6
20.0 to 24.9 percent	737	+/-226	9.1%	+/-2.7
25.0 to 29.9 percent	686	+/-187	8.4%	+/-2.2
30.0 to 34.9 percent	558	+/-189	6.9%	+/-2.3
35.0 percent or more	4,938	+/-471	60.7%	+/-3.8
Not computed	357	+/-162	(X)	(X)

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Existing Supply of Rental Housing

As previously mentioned, the City of North Miami is largely built-out requiring that new development, for the most part, will require infill development which requires demolition of old structures and therefore is more expensive to deliver than greenfield developments. Accessibility to appropriate rental housing in the future will require the replacement and increased density of existing housing.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has recently completed a Comprehensive Housing Analysis of Miami-Dade County, as of April 1, 2012. That study shows that average asking rent for one, two and three bedroom units were \$960, \$1,220, and \$1,490 which represented rent increases over the previous year of 1.0%, 1.5% and 0.7%. These rents exceed the affordability range of most North Miami residents.

Furthermore, the HUD study findings a demand for an additional 4,925 market grade rental units alone between April 1, 2012 and April 1, 2015 as shown in the graphic below.

Table 18: Estimated Rental Demand, Miami-Dade, 2012-2015

Zero Bedrooms		One Bedroom		Two Bedrooms		Three or More Bedrooms	
Monthly Gross Rent (\$)	Units of Demand	Monthly Gross Rent (\$)	Units of Demand	Monthly Gross Rent (\$)	Units of Demand	Monthly Gross Rent (\$)	Units of Demand
900 to 1,099	85	1,150 to 1,349	430	1,450 to 1,649	950	1,520 to 1,719	260
1,100 to 1,299	60	1,350 to 1,549	310	1,650 to 1,849	660	1,720 to 1,919	190
1,300 to 1,499	50	1,550 to 1,749	250	1,850 to 2,049	540	1,920 to 2,119	150
1,500 to 1,699	25	1,750 to 1,949	120	2,050 to 2,249	270	2,120 to 2,319	70
1,700 or more	25	1,950 or more	120	2,250 or more	270	2,320 or more	70
Total	240	Total	1,225	Total	2,700	Total	740

* Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall HMA.

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. The 580 units currently under construction will satisfy some of the estimated demand.

Source: Estimates by analyst

Source: Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, Florida, *Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis*, April 2012

Existing Affordability Issues

United States government housing policies, over the last several decades, has been dedicated to promoting homeownership. However, as experienced in most urban settings, an increasing amount of housing is devoted to rentals due in large part to housing costs. Largely as a result of the "Housing Bubble Burst of 2007" and the ensuing "Great Recession", for which Florida is just

beginning to re-immerge, most economists and housing experts project the remaining of the decade will be a "Renter" paradigm.

The main issue impacting the overall housing market and housing affordability is the ability to qualify for credit. Unlike the early 2000's, lending institutions are firm on maintaining a high credit rating as well as requiring a 20% down payment. As a result of the recession, i.e. foreclosures and short sales, a significant portion of the population cannot qualify for the currently historic low interest rates being offered. Their only alternative is rental housing.

EXISTING AFFORDABILITY GAP

Table 18 shows the income requirements for both rent and ownership, based on the current low interest rates. If a household earned the County (MSA) median income, and had a good credit rating and 20% down payment, that household could afford to purchase a home priced around \$250,000 today³. Should interest increase to 7.5% in the midterm, that same household could only afford a home price at about \$186,000, and could only afford a \$148,000 home if interest rates reached 10%.

Table 18: Affordability GAP Analysis

Downpayment		20%	Utilities		15%	
Cost Burden		30%	Taxes, Ins.		20%	
Interest Rate		4.50%				
%			Payment			
Median	Family	Monthly	Monthly	Less Taxes &	Amt of	Home
<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Mortgage</u>	<u>Price</u>
28%	\$14,616	\$311	\$365	\$292	\$57,693	\$72,116
30%	\$15,660	\$333	\$392	\$313	\$61,814	\$77,267
50%	\$26,100	\$555	\$653	\$522	\$103,023	\$128,778
60%	\$31,320	\$666	\$783	\$626	\$123,627	\$154,534
70%	\$36,540	\$776	\$914	\$731	\$144,232	\$180,289
80%	\$41,760	\$887	\$1,044	\$835	\$164,836	\$206,045
90%	\$46,980	\$998	\$1,175	\$940	\$185,441	\$231,801
100%	\$52,200	\$1,109	\$1,305	\$1,044	\$206,045	\$257,556
110%	\$57,420	\$1,220	\$1,436	\$1,148	\$226,650	\$283,312
120%	\$62,640	\$1,331	\$1,566	\$1,253	\$247,254	\$309,068
130%	\$67,860	\$1,442	\$1,697	\$1,357	\$267,859	\$334,823
140%	\$73,080	\$1,553	\$1,827	\$1,462	\$288,463	\$360,579

Source: Strategic Planning Group, Inc., 2013

Based on the 2009-2011 ACS Census, the City had a significantly lower median income than the County. If affordability is analyzed by the City of North Miami's median family income, than those households earning the City's median income could only afford to purchase a \$170,000 home at current interest rates. At 10% the same household could only afford a \$98,000 home. Therefore, the supply of appropriate rental housing is critical for the future of North Miami.

³ That also means that 50% could not afford that cost of housing

Table 19: Affordability GAP based on North Miami Median Income, 2011

<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Family Income</u>	<u>Monthly Rent</u>	<u>Monthly Payment</u>	<u>Payment Less Taxes & Insurance</u>	<u>Amt of Mortgage</u>	<u>Home Price</u>
30%	\$10,332	\$220	\$258	\$207	\$40,784	\$50,980
50%	\$17,221	\$366	\$431	\$344	\$67,973	\$84,966
60%	\$20,665	\$439	\$517	\$413	\$81,568	\$101,960
70%	\$24,109	\$512	\$603	\$482	\$95,162	\$118,953
80%	\$27,553	\$585	\$689	\$551	\$108,757	\$135,946
90%	\$30,997	\$659	\$775	\$620	\$122,352	\$152,940
100%	\$34,441	\$732	\$861	\$689	\$135,946	\$169,933
110%	\$37,885	\$805	\$947	\$758	\$149,541	\$186,926
120%	\$41,329	\$878	\$1,033	\$827	\$163,136	\$203,919
130%	\$44,773	\$951	\$1,119	\$895	\$176,730	\$220,913
140%	\$48,217	\$1,025	\$1,205	\$964	\$190,325	\$237,906

Source: Strategic Planning Group, Inc., 2013

MIXED USE ANALYSIS

The proposed project includes 3,000 feet of retail space on the ground level. SPG recently completed an economic and retail analysis of various City arterials and their service areas. The proposed development is contained within what that report referred to as, the West Dixie Blvd market area. That study shows that the overall retail market is being served by existing stores within the West Dixie 3-mile service area. Therefore, the development's proposed retail space will depend largely on the tenants of the proposed project and its ability to capture convenience/neighborhood related (1-mile) that is currently being satisfied elsewhere. Convenience/neighborhood retail uses include minimarts, beauty parlors, dry cleaners, restaurants, etc.

CONCLUSIONS AND FINDINGS

Based on US Department of Commerce data, the City of Miami (and the City of North Miami) continues to have an affordable housing problem which has now been made worse by tight credit requirements that have limited the ability of households to take advantage of historic low interest rates. The impact of the "Great Recession", particularly the record foreclosures and short sales, has significantly impacted household credit ratings. Furthermore, a significant portion of households are still underwater, meaning they owe more than their home are currently valued, thereby limiting their ability to move and secure new homes. The impact has created a large demand for rental housing, which SPG feels will continue for the remainder of the decade. Should interest rates begin to increase in the coming years; the affordability gap will significantly increase and along with it an increased demand for rental housing.

This impact is felt not only in the traditional very low, low and moderate HUD category but is equally as strong within the "workforce" housing segment (80-140% MFI). The private sector cannot develop residential product for the 60% or less AMI household without assistance and housing subsidies. Furthermore the private sector is also finding it difficult to fund housing product for moderate to workforce housing (80%-120% AMI) due to tight bank lending policies and also require public sector incentives and subsidies.

The proposed project will attract tenants not only from North Miami but also from the surrounding region. As shown in the HUD 2012 report there is a need for 4,925 market grade rental units alone through 2015.

SPG believes that the proposed development's affordable/workforce rental units are needed, including bonus units. These units will serve the existing demand and should have a secondary positive impact of providing additional population to the City which is currently projected to loss population through 2040.